

TO: The Senate
FROM: Executive Committee
DATE: 27 February 2015
SUBJ: Items under Consideration by Senate Committees and Subcommittees

The Executive Committee has asked Senate committee and subcommittee chairs to report items under discussion in the various committees. The following is a compilation of what was submitted.

Educational Policy Committee

Cigdem Gurgur, Chair

1. The committee concluded the investigation on *includED* Digital Textbook/Course Material Project. The resolution was presented at the Feb. 9 Senate meeting and adopted.
2. The committee has been working on SD 12-12, Investigation of Dual Credit Programs, collaboratively with University Resources Policy Committee (URPC). A task force has been created, involving chairs of EPC and URPC, C.Gurgur and M. Wolf, with selected members from both Senate committees: P. Dragnev, P. Iadicola, A. Livschiz. The chair of the task force is Y. Zubovic, EPC chair in the previous academic year.
3. The committee discussed “Universal Class Scheduling Possibility with No Conflicts – M/W Mirroring T/R Afternoons” agenda item. A resolution was passed and is expected to be presented at the March 16 Senate meeting.
4. The committee has been working on “Recent SAT score changes, 3 levels of impact, including admission standards for IPFW” item.

Subcommittees of the Educational Policy Committee:

Calendar Subcommittee

Erik Ohlander, Chair

1. No reports at this time.

Continuing Education Advisory Subcommittee

Max Montesino, Chair

1. No reports at this time.

Curriculum Review Subcommittee

Laurie Corbin, Chair

1. A proposal for a Concentration in Genetics, Cellular, and Molecular Biology has cleared remonstrance and will be considered by the subcommittee.
2. Four minors in Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing were considered by the subcommittee: the two minors in Management and Marketing were revised and all four minors will again be considered by the subcommittee when these two have cleared remonstrance.

General Education Subcommittee

Andrew Downs, Chair

1. Providing feedback on the individual course assessments.
2. Assessing how well the General Education Program (GEP) achieved its purpose.
3. Identifying areas for improvement (in individual courses and in the GEP), and
4. Developing a plan for assisting faculty and departments with assessment of general education courses.

Graduate Subcommittee

Maneesh Sharma, Chair

1. Deliberating the FNP program.
2. Approved the slight modification of the core curriculum of the Master of Public Management (MPM) degree.

Honors Program Council

Suzanne LaVere, Chair

1. The Honors Program Council is continuing to review Honors course proposals and student scholarship applications. The Council is also preparing for the Honors Program Showcase, which will be held on April 10.

International Education Advisory Subcommittee

John Niser, Chair

1. No report was received.

Faculty Affairs Committee

Noor Borbieva, Chair

1. The Committee has approved and revised CEPP Handbook and will bring a section of the handbook to the senate for approval.
2. The Committee continues to monitor the progress of the Promotion and Tenure Task Force regarding their review of IPFW P&T procedure documents and changes to Purdue –WL’s P&T procedure documents.
3. The Committee is reviewing the Upward Feedback process (described in SD 92-13, SD 97-23, and SD 09-7) and developing a resolution that would standardize the process across campus.
4. Together with FAC’s across the Purdue system, the IPFW FAC is evaluating current policy on CL’s and LTL’s and examining the feasibility of giving CL’s the possibility to apply for promotion to Assistant Professor.

Professional Development Subcommittee

Andrew Downs, Chair

1. The Professional Development Subcommittee (PDS) finished reviewing and recommending summer grants and sabbaticals in the fall. This spring, it has provided feedback to summer grant applicants who requested feedback and its considering improvements to the summer grant process.

Indiana University Committee on Institutional Affairs

Janet Badia, Chair

1. The CIA held elections for the IU Board of Reviews, which were finalized in December.

Nominations and Elections Committee

Lesa Vartanian, Chair

1. We brought to the floor and passed the resolution for online voting (or the ability to determine how we will conduct elections).

Purdue University Committee on Institutional Affairs

Peter Dragnev, Chair

1. No reports at this time.

Student Affairs Committee

Christine Erickson, Chair

1. Discussing how well (or not) students are prepared to take university-level courses and what we, as a university and as a faculty, need to do to help those who are struggling.
2. Discussing admissions requirements.

Subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee

Athletics, Subcommittee on

Robert Vandell, Chair

1. We have been looking into what SCOA is supposed to be doing.

University Resources Policy Committee

Mike Wolf, Chair

1. Development of weather closure policy.
2. Library Open Access Policy.
3. Review of USAP and UBC information.
4. Functional roles of Subcommittee on Advancement.
5. Key policy.

Subcommittees of the University Resources Policy Committee:

Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee

Andres Montenegro, Chair

1. The Academic Computing and Information Technology Advisory Subcommittee (ACITAS) has no ongoing document under deliberation at this time; however, our committee is conducting a very important discussion about the future of our Learning Management System. At the ACITAS meeting today we discussed the possibility of Purdue University moving to the Canvas Learning Management system and away from Blackboard Learn.

They are conducting a pilot right now. It is possible, maybe likely, that if they chose to move to Canvas we will need to move as well. We do not have any faculty in the pilot but have the opportunity to get a “sandbox” so we can get into a sample class and see how it works.

ACITAS resolved:

- To encourage IPFW faculty get involved in the Canvas pilot.
- Inform the University Senate about the relevance of the discussion.
- Suggest a possible survey to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, consulting our academic community about the effectiveness of the two LMS.
- Encourage the members of ACITAS to request sandboxes of the Canvas pilot.
- I anticipate an incoming meeting of ACITAS at the end of March, to describe a much clear picture of the process.

Budgetary Affairs Subcommittee

Jeffrey Malanson, Chair

1. Developing a better understanding of the university budget and how it currently functions.
2. Considering the current complexities and realities of the Athletics budget.
3. Faculty salaries and raises.

Library Subcommittee

Suzanne LaVere, Chair

1. The Senate Library Subcommittee has continued working on drafting an Open Access Policy, and an open forum for faculty to learn more and ask questions was held in November. The policy has now been approved by URPC, and will move to the full Senate for a vote. The Subcommittee also will be evaluating Special Needs Grants, which will be due on March 15.